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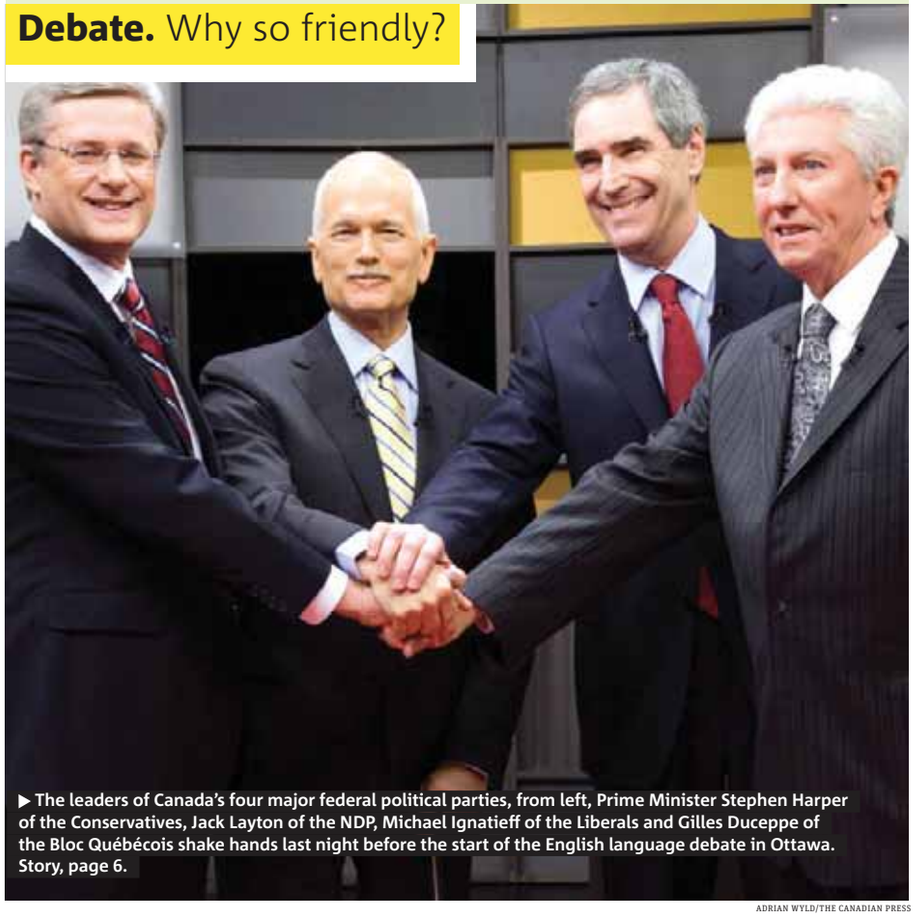

▶ The leaders of Canada's four major federal political parties, from left, Prime Minister Stephen Harper of the Conservatives, Jack Layton of the NDP, Michael Ignatieff of the Liberals and Gilles Duceppe of the Bloc Québécois shake hands last night before the start of the English language debate in Ottawa. Story, page 6.

ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Twitchell convicted

Jury delivers guilty verdict after 5 hours of deliberation and a month of testimony

Filmmaker Mark Twitchell looked straight ahead and swallowed hard yesterday as a jury convicted him of killing and dismembering a stranger to match a movie script in what the Crown called a grand plan to become a serial killer.

The family of the victim, Johnny Altinger, sighed with relief as the jury foreman, when asked for the verdict, stood and announced, "Guilty of first-degree murder."

Seconds later, Altinger's mother, Elfriede Altinger, began to cry.

First-degree murder carries an automatic life sentence with no chance at parole for a minimum of 25 years.

As Twitchell left court he walked right past Edmonton police Det. Bill Clark in the front row.

Clark was the lead investigator and, as court saw, first broke Twitchell's resolve in a police interrogation video played in court.

Clark said he knew Twitchell was guilty on the first day he was picked up by police when he told Clark he was in possession of Altinger's car because a stranger sold it to him for $40.

"I wanted (mine) to be the last face (Twitchell) actually saw before he walked out of there"
EDMONTON POLICE DET. BILL CLARK

"I figured he killed him and when I let him go that morning, I told him I was coming back to get him because I knew he killed Johnny," said Clark.

The verdict wrapped up a trial that made international headlines and attracted the attention of U.S.-based true-crime TV shows.

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Sex assault charges laid against swim coach

Sex assault charges have reportedly been laid against a Calgary swim coach dating back to his time in Nova Scotia.

Matt Carruthers, 36, has been charged with both sexual assault and sexual interference involving a youth under the age of 14, reports indicate.

The charges come after 2002 allegations by a young woman that she was molested by Carruthers while he worked at a swim club in Wolfville, N.S.

Carruthers has worked at several swim clubs in Calgary in recent years, reports said. METRO

Appeal launched in murder verdict

One of two individuals convicted of first-degree murder in the death of a Calgary flea market vendor has launched an appeal.

Tosha Mary Hubler, 31, filed her notice of appeal Monday, 12 days after being found guilty along with her husband, Jason Hubler, in the murder of Rino (Ray) Johnson.

Reports indicate that Tosha remained adamant throughout the trial that she had been forced by Jason to participate in the murder plot. METRO

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▶ Graffiti at Shaw Millennium Park, pictured here, showed up all over the skateboard park after a city-supported art project went wrong in 2009.

Fake sign posted endorsing graffiti

Sign was reportedly posted near Coach Hill Road and Old Banff Coach Road ◐ Two incidents have been reported, says Bill Bruce

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A fake City of Calgary sign advertising approved space for graffiti was recently posted in the southwest, and it has the city's top by-law officer concerned.

Director of bylaw and animal services Bill Bruce said he was informed late Monday afternoon that a sign touting the City of Calgary logo had been posted that said "designated graffiti area."

"To fraudulently produce an apparent official-looking city notice and then post it on city property — there's a number of crimes involved with that," said Bruce.

"It's a concern for me because apparently they don't consider the consequences of what they're doing."

Const. Dave Ladic of the graffiti unit said posting this sign could potentially lead others to think graffiti is legal.

"It's always concerning when someone is trying to fraudulently say that it's legal to do it," he said.

"How are they going to know if it's fraudulent or not?"

Ladic said the consequences of a crime like that are vandalism of property, which could lead to a jail sentence or community service as well as potential fraud charges for impersonating the City of Calgary.

Art gone wrong

In 2009, the city allowed artists to legally paint a portion of Shaw Millennium Park.

1. After two days, the city shut the program down when obscene slogans were painted all around the park.
2. It was meant to last three months.

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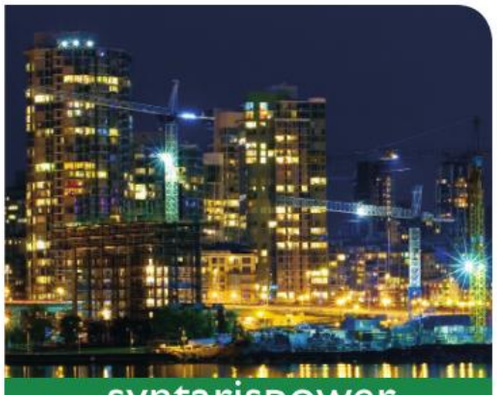

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Off-road pair taken to hospital

Two individuals were transported to hospital Monday after being stranded in the Waiparous back-country for more than a day.

The group of five had reportedly ventured to the off-roading area 75 kilometres northwest of Calgary Sunday to go quadding when one of their vehicles became stuck.

After their salvaging attempt was unsuccessful Sunday, the group spent the night in their vehicle and planned to resume their efforts Monday; however, two individuals began to show signs of illness.

The two reportedly had pre-existing medical conditions. Rescuers were contacted and the pair were carried out on snowmobiles. METRO

U of C getting nanotechnology

The University of Calgary is now home to a new nanoscience instrument — the only one of its kind in Canada.

David Cramb, director of Nanoscience at the U of C, said the NanoProfessor program will allow the undergraduate students an unparalleled experience.

"The instrument has the ability to put basically little nano drops of liquid down on a surface," he said. "It seemed like a pretty cool instrument to add to the bunch of really cool instruments we already have in our lab."

Cramb said the tool can be used by students studying in the nanoscience minor program and will allow them to do things from writing their name at a nano level to developing circuit boards.

"It will be a fantastic experience for them and clearly a unique experience in Canada right now to graduate having operated one of these things." METRO

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The University of Calgary paid about $200,000 for the instrument. Cramb said it should be fully operational by the fall semester.

Tolkien name an issue for camp

HANDOUT

▶ There was no word yesterday on whether actress Liv Tyler, who plays longtime Rivendell resident Arwen, planned to stop by Bragg Creek's camp of a similar name.

Estate lawyers for Lord of the Rings author request change

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Aspiring elves, dwarves and hobbits in the Calgary area will have to look elsewhere for a quest to save Middle Earth this summer.

Organizers of Camp Rivendell, located southwest of the city, have been asked to change the summer getaway's trademark-sensitive title by an Oxford-based lawyer representing the estate of famed Lord of the Rings author J.R.R. Tolkien.

"They realized it wasn't intentional, but it said 'please stop anyway,'" said Peggy Rupert, who helps organize the camp for the Bragg Creek Community Association.

While Rupert said organizers are planning to change the name to Camp in the Creek, it seems other groups have been spared by Tolkien's trademark tiff to date.

The Rivendell secondary-stage housing facility in Mission, B.C., has yet to receive any requests from the Tolkien estate, said executive director Tony Lapointe.

He said the facility's name is meant to represent "a safe haven."

"There wasn't necessarily a comparison with Lord of the Rings, but people are quick to make that connection," he said.

Rupert said Tolkien's estate likely took issue with the camp's original Middle Earth theme, but said activities have strayed from foam-sword duels and water balloon catapult fights.

"It's actually been kind of fun," she said. "This was a bit of a nudge, pushing us in the right direction anyway."

Camp in the Creek

- Camp Rivendell, which opened in 2004, typically saw 20 kids attend per week for the duration of the summer, said Peggy Rupert.
- Comment was not available yesterday from Manches, the organization representing the Tolkien estate.

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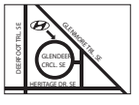

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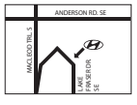

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Medicine Hat to evacuate 650 more homes in flood alert

A voluntary evacuation alert has been issued to 650 homes in the Medicine Hat area of southern Alberta.

Both the City of Medicine Hat and Cypress County have declared local states of emergency after water from the Seven Persons reservoir was released yesterday in order to protect an eroding spillway.

The St. Mary's River Irrigation District is trying to mitigate the amount of water going into Seven Persons Creek, but 28 homes around the creek have been placed on mandatory evacuation.

Officials say they expect the water level on creek, which runs through Medicine Hat, to rise at least half a metre overnight.

An evacuation centre has been set up in a banquet room at the Stampede Grounds.

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Punches thrown at PM in debate

Opposition parties attack him on accountability, spending practices, economic policy

Election 2011

Prime Minister Stephen Harper played defence against a three-man rush from his political rivals and their charges of deception, dubious spending practices and secretive, conspiratorial government.

His only offensive: Give the Conservatives a majority or "we're going to be back into a fifth election in no time at all," Harper said, during yesterday's debate.

The rest of the time, Harper was under attack.

Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe urged Harper to explain a draft report from the auditor general that calls into question Conservative spending practices.

Harper's principal rivals, Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff and the NDP's Jack Layton, jumped into the fray.

"The Conservative party is the problem here when it comes to the economy," Layton said. He cited "right-wing" policies of deregulation and corporate tax cuts as reasons "why people can't make ends meet, why so many people are still out of work."

Ignatieff accused Harper of failing Canadians by pushing corporate tax cuts, which the Liberals would cancel in order to pay for a student grants program.

"We can invest in Canadian learning," Ignatieff said. "That's a billion-dollar investment ... you spent that in 72 hours on the G8/G20 photo-op."

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▶ A Harper clown rallies outside the Government Conference Centre before the English-language federal election debate in Ottawa, yesterday.

Greens refuse to be muzzled

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Young Green party supporters stood with duct tape across their mouths in the crowd of shouting Conservative, Liberal and NDP partisans on Rideau Street before the federal leaders' televised debate yesterday.

The tape signified Green party Leader Elizabeth May's exclusion from the debate, but they took it off to explain that to passing reporters and shout jeers and cheers of their own.

"They spend their tax dollars like they use gas — they're wasting it," shouted youth vote co-ordinator Jonathan Halasz as two Conservative party buses drove by honking.

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▶ Green party supporters protest on Rideau Street during the election debates in Ottawa, yesterday.

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Male royals trump sisters in monarchy

Prince William and Kate Middleton have more to worry about when children enter the picture

To the upwardly mobile in the royal family, being an older sister is a wretched inconvenience.

If Prince William and Kate Middleton have a daughter followed by a son, the son leapfrogs the daughter on the waiting list for the throne.

Although Queen Elizabeth II rocks the throne, she snagged it only because she has no brother, since British common law gives preference to male issue.

So if William and Kate have a girl and then a boy, there will be trouble.

The 1701 Act of Settlement throws in another snag. If any of Will and Kate's children marry Catholics, they would lose their spots in line for the throne.

That religious discrimination came out of the Glorious Revolution. King James II, who had converted to Catholicism before his 1685 coronation, had a son with his second wife. After being unseated, James fled to France, and his Catholic children grew up in exile.

His two protestant daughters, Mary and Anne, sided against their father and served successively as queen. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Conversion

When Peter Phillips — son of Princess Anne and her first husband, Capt. Mark Phillips — married Canadian Autumn Kelly in 2008, she converted to Anglicanism so her husband wouldn't forfeit his 11th place in line.

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News in brief

First ticket issued in new Paris veil ban

A woman has been ticketed in a suburban Paris shopping centre for wearing a face veil, in the first reported sanction under a new ban on the garments, police said yesterday.

Another woman in another Paris suburb was stopped for wearing a veil, but was let go with a warning.

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Pall's pickled penis on display

In life, Pall Arason sought attention. In death, he is getting it: The 95-year-old Icelander's pickled penis will be the main attraction in one of his country's most bizarre museums.

Arason's organ will help round out the Phallological Museum's extensive collection of phalluses from whales, seals, bears and others.

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UN: No gloss over Japanese nuclear levels

The UN nuclear agency says Japan's decision to wait until now to raise the level of the Fukushima nuclear crisis to the same as the 1986 Chornobyl disaster does not mean that authorities have been downplaying the disaster.

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Mubarak investigated, heart problems surface

Former Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak has kept a low profile since deposition Sunday the ex-president issued a pre-recorded message saying he had not abused his authority Mubarak says he welcomes investigation

Former Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak was abruptly hospitalized yesterday for heart problems during an investigation over allegations of corruption and the violence against protesters, reported state TV.

The 82-year-old former president was deposed Feb. 11 after 18 days of popular protests and has been under house arrest in the Red Sea resort of Sharm El-Sheikh for the last two months. The public prosecutor said Monday he would be questioned.

Mubarak's two sons were also summoned and were being questioned at the prosecutor's office in the provincial capital of El-Tor yesterday.

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▶ In this September 2010 photo, Egypt's ousted president Hosni Mubarak listens as Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks in the East Room of the White House in Washington.

The movement that deposed Mubarak is now pushing for him to be brought to justice for what they say are decades of abuse and since Friday, hundreds have reoccupied parts of Tahrir Square in downtown Cairo.

The protesters had criticized the army for being too close to the old regime and not swiftly bringing Mubarak to trial.

Dozens of demonstrators picketed the hospital, denouncing the president and carrying a sign reading "Here is the butcher." They scuffled with supporters of Mubarak amid a massive security presence.

Two security officials said Mubarak arrived under heavy police protection to the main hospital and, according to two doctors in the hospital, he stepped out of his armoured Mercedes unaided and was taken to the presidential suite in the pyramid-shaped building.

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Cheap flights could take wing with new airline

Air Canada discount carrier would aim at Transat, Sunwing, WestJet and could push fares down

Air Canada's reported plans to launch a discount carrier could dish up competitive headaches for its rivals and lower airfares to vacation spots in Mexico, the Caribbean and Europe, industry analysts say.

Chris Murray of PI Financial Corp. says a new airline would ramp up pressure on the industry to reduce fares, at least until a rival is driven out of business.

"In the short run there may be some bargains, though I wouldn't expect ... the craziness we've seen before, the $1 to London flights," he says.

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

TSX	Dollar
– 195.46 (13,801.4)	– 0.72¢ (103.83¢ US)
Oil	**Natural gas** 1,000 cu ft $4.064 US (– 4¢ US)
– $3.67 US ($106.25 US)	**Gold** contracts $1,453.60 US (– $14.50 US)

Air Canada is reportedly drawing up a plan to deploy four Boeing 767s and six Airbus A319s, with the fleet increasing to 50 planes. The delivery of 37 Boeing 787 Dreamliners would allow the airline to transfer older planes to the new airline.

Air Canada would not comment on the rumours.

But Pierre Tessier, spokesman for Transat AT, says consumers will benefit if the new carrier adds more seats to the market. "There's always been a lot of competition in the market and we're used to that," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Flip. Flop

▶ Cisco Systems is shutting down the Flip Video business it bought for $590 million US in 2009. The about-face comes after disappointing results and years of trying to diversify into consumer products.

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Cisco kills the video star

Cisco Systems Inc., the world's largest maker of computer networking gear, is killing its Flip Video camcorder business after years of trying to make inroads into consumer products. The San Jose, Calif., company says the shakeup will result in the loss of 550 jobs. A spokeswoman would not say whether Canadian employees would be affected.

No rate hike for now: Central bank

The Bank of Canada will keep the policy rate at one per cent for at least another seven weeks. The decision yesterday came despite a mostly upbeat assessment of the economy that predicts faster growth and a quicker return to full capacity. The bank's next date for an interest-rate announcement is May 31. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canada's economy will grow 2.9 per cent this year, the Bank of Canada says. As well, the economy will return to full capacity in just over a year, six months earlier than predicted.

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Canadians feel pinch of fuel, food prices

Nearly half of Canadians say steeper fuel and food prices are taking a significant bite out of their budgets, an RBC Consumer Outlook suggests.

While 45 per cent say rising prices are having a significant impact, the effects are felt most strongly by residents of Ontario, Atlantic Canada and Quebec.

Managing debt remains a high priority, with 39 per cent of Canadians planning to pay off as much debt as possible.

Thirty per cent say they are focused on spending less, 23 per cent are looking to save or invest more and 25 per cent say they intend to do all three.

RBC chief economist Craig Wright says debt levels are expected to increase more slowly given a decelerating housing sector, rising interest rates and efforts by consumers to rein in debt.

"The gain in disposable income, alongside an improving labour market, will provide continued support to consumer spending and will lead to an eventual levelling out in consumer debt relative to income," he says.

Overall, the report says Canadians' concerns about the economy are relatively unchanged since the last survey three months earlier. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sea to sea

- **Positive sentiment about** the economy is strongest in Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario.
- **Six in 10 Canadians** describe the state of the economy as "good," compared to 75 per cent of Prairie residents, 69 per cent of Albertans and 63 per cent of B.C. residents.
- **Thirty-nine per cent feel** their personal financial situation will improve.
- **Twenty-two per cent are** worried about job loss or layoffs (up two percentage points). Ontario residents are most concerned, at 28 per cent, followed by people living in Quebec and Atlantic Canada (21 per cent each). Prairie residents are least anxious about jobs (16 per cent).

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Supreme court hears securities question today

Feds hope clarification from court will clear the way for national regulation Quebec, Alberta opposed

After two embarrassing whiffs, the federal government is down to its last strike on its proposal to create a national securities regulator, over — as it seems — the heads of some provinces.

The Supreme Court of Canada opens two days of hearings on the issue today with the chief rivals — Ottawa versus Quebec and Alberta — presenting their arguments on the first day.

Last May, when Finance Minister Jim Flaherty put the question before the country's top court, he was hoping a green light on the constitutionality of a single regulator would help overcome political resistance. That now looks less certain after appeal courts in Quebec and Alberta both ruled against the feds this spring.

Creating a single watchdog would replace the current jumble of 13 provincial and territorial fiefdoms that are almost universally derided by business interests both domestically and internationally. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The issue

The legal issue is whether trading in securities is a matter of provincial or federal jurisdiction.

- **Ottawa** contends neither have exclusive jurisdiction.
- **Alberta and Quebec** counter that for Ottawa to take over what has been recognized for 80 years as provincial domain, it must pass a high threshold.

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DON'T MESS WITH MAMA

Bolivia may be one of the poorest places on Earth, but it's rich in at least one commodity: Legislation.

It's about to pass the Mother of All Laws giving Mother Nature equal rights to human beings. In Bolivia, Ms. Nature goes by Pachamama, an Andean deity that is at the centre of all life. As soon as the law is passed — and pass it will because the ruling party has what Stephen Harper most desires: A majority in both houses of Parliament — Pachamama will gain 11 shiny new rights.

Most of them are pretty basic: The right to life and to exist; the right to continue all her various cycles, from carbon to Krebs, without human interference; the right to pure water and clean air; the right not to be polluted; the right to balance; and the right not to be genetically altered.

Then there's this: Pachamama will enjoy the right "not to be affected by mega-infrastructure and development projects that affect the balance of ecosystems and the local inhabitant communities."

The guys who run the resource companies are howling with boyish laughter. You see, Bolivia has its own brown skeletons in its own sooty closet. More than one-third of its foreign currency comes from the mining of tin, silver, gold, etc., and you can bet Pachamama is feeling more than a little violated on that front.

When you're the world's 100th ranked economy, below Trinidad and Tobago and Turkmenistan, for goodness sake, it's tough to resist the temptation of all that glitters. Without precious metals, Bolivia's largest export is soybeans and natural gas, a potent combination for sure.

Ecuador has already tried something like this, but that hasn't stopped anyone from plundering the Amazon. You have to wonder why they even bother — they're just going to end up making themselves depressed as they continue to pollute and genetically modify until one day Pachamama decides to take the law into her own hands.

That may be what's motivating Bolivia: It's not nice to fool Pachamama and she is already showing signs of losing her legendary maternal patience: Bolivian scientists predict temperatures will rise up to 4 C over the next 100 years, all the glaciers will melt and Bolivia will become a desert.

So rather than risk the loss of her affections altogether, all they can do is promise to try to nurture nature. And if they break their promise, she can always complain to the newly established Ministry of Mother Earth.

Good luck with that.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

Worth mentioning

LONDON. Is there a science of happiness?

A growing band of economists, politicians and academics thinks so — and is putting theory into practice by starting a "mass movement for a happier society."

Action for Happiness launched yesterday in London, encouraging hugging, meditation and random acts of kindness. It is getting underway as the British government asks statisticians to measure the economically battered nation's well-being.

The non-profit group's founders include a former Downing Street policy chief, Tony Blair's biographer and an eminent economist. They say happiness is a deeply serious issue.

Co-founder Richard Layard, emeritus professor of economics at the London School of Economics, says the group "doesn't have any creed or dogma. It's a secular movement, grounded in science."

Increasing numbers of politicians are taking up that mantra. Prime Minister David Cameron has said "it's time we focused not just on GDP but on GWB — general well-being." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Cartoon by Michael De Adder

WEIRD NEWS

on a plain

Instead of a snake in the grass, it was a snake under the sink.

A 75-year-old Winnipeg man got a slithery surprise Saturday after he discovered a six-foot snake under his bathroom sink in his apartment.

The man called police, who notified the city's animal services department, which in turn captured the creature.

Police said they then searched the rest of the building and discovered a suite with more than 50 snakes and other reptiles being hoarded by a 33-year-old man.

Nine snakes believed to be illegal have since been seized and the man is facing charges under the City of Winnipeg exotic animal bylaw.

A spokesperson for the City of Winnipeg's Animal Services Agency said the majority of snakes or reptiles seized are given to reptile zoos or shelters. Police said there was nothing to indicate the snakes or reptiles, which included a snapping turtle, were being mistreated.

Under Winnipeg's exotic animal bylaw, there is no set number for how many reptiles one person may own, however, venomous reptiles or snakes are illegal in Winnipeg.

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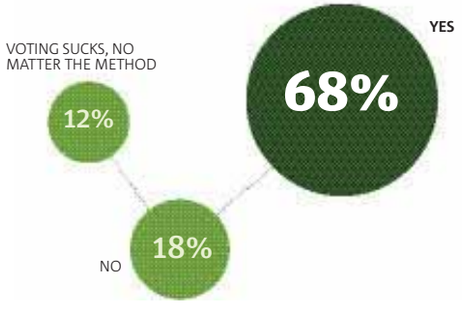

Local tweets

- **@surlacote:** Yay to #YYC for clearing the ice from the zoo trail. Makes the commute much safer and quicker! Great to see my zoo friends again :)
- **@drstrange_man:** Many drivers in #YYC seem bad at merging and exiting. It works like this: If you slow down before the deceleration lane, Imma plow into you.
- **@canadashan:** Hahaha someone was in Kensington this morning in a bikini rollerblading ... its -1!! What are ppl smoking? #yyc
- **@johnathandurant:** @ElizabethMay well you'll be the first party leader to set foot in our city ... which either says something about the leaders or about #Calgary
- **@bryanmanio:** Some legit bluegrass happening on Stephen ave and 2nd street sw #yyc
- **@codyincalgary:** The Alberta Children's Hospital tour was Amazing. We are so lucky to have such an amazing facility and the people that staff it in #calgary
- **@CotRed86:** The #Calgary #Flames definitely need to make #Jay #Feaster the permanent GM going forward!!

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▶ Actress Neve Campbell arrives at the premiere of the Weinstein Company's Scream 4 at Grauman's Chinese Theatre.

15 years of screams

Neve Campbell talks about making Scream 4, and the newcomers to the horror franchise

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Despite how successful the Scream franchise has been for her, Neve Campbell hasn't become an old pro at watching horror movies.

"I usually cover my eyes and scream and cry during horror films," she admits.

But just because her eyes are covered doesn't mean she isn't enjoying herself. "These films are a roller coaster ride," she says of the Scream films. "I think they're great fun to watch."

They're just as much fun to make, she insists, and filming Scream 4 last summer was no different.

"We were having fun during the filming," she says of re-teaming with David Arquette, Courteney Cox and director Wes Craven.

"We would often just go and have dinner and a nice glass of wine and have some laughs, so even during it you're not feeling like it's this really intense experience or dark experience, because there's a lot of humor in these films as well. You can't take them incredibly seriously. Part of the fun of these is that they're so self-referential and make fun of themselves."

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NEVE CAMPBELL ON THE SCREAM FRANCHISE

Although it's been 15 years since Scream — and 11 years since Scream 3 — it didn't take Campbell long to get back in the Woodsboro groove.

"It's been 15 years now we've been doing these characters, so not difficult to jump into," she says. "I had fun watching the films again before we started this, just to get a sense of it, and it was really nice to see that they still hold up really well. But no, it wasn't difficult to get into the characters. With Sidney, it's just imagining her circumstances in doing it."

And while working with Cox and Arquette again was a treat, Campbell was particularly impressed with her younger co-stars, including franchise newcomers Hayden Panettiere and Emma Roberts.

"Courteney and I looked at each other and were like, 'We could be their mothers,'" Campbell says with a laugh.

"But they were good. They came with so much enthusiasm to the project. People keep asking whether we had to show them the ropes, and they're professionals in their own rights. They've had long careers already at young ages, and they came in and they did a great job."

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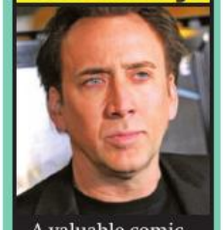

A valuable comic featuring the debut of Superman has re-surfaced in a storage locker, and police said Monday that it appears to be the same one stolen from Nicolas Cage more than a decade ago.
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'Barney's Version' scribe wins Writers Guild of Canada screenwriting award

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Getting ready for their goodbye

The Harry Potter cast reflects on their years at Hogwarts and shares their memories from growing up Potter

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▶ Actor Oliver Phelps, actress Bonnie Wright and actor James Phelps share their thoughts on the franchise.

It's an exciting time to be a Potter-head.

The final installment of the film series is just three months away, and the second-to-last movie drops on Blu-Ray Combo Pack, DVD and Digital Download yesterday.

We caught up with cast members at the recently-opened Harry Potter: The Exhibition in New York.

On growing up in the Potter films

Bonnie Wright (Ginny Weasley): "It's been a massive and amazing experience. I don't think we could have asked for any better environment to be in to be learning from others."

On who had a penchant for the set's souvenirs

Producer David Heyman: "Alan Rickman stole more props than anybody …(but) he does give them to charity."

On getting the part

Robbie Coltrane (Hagrid): "My children (told me) if I didn't play Hagrid I would not be allowed home again."

David Thewlis (Remus Lupin): "I auditioned actually for Professor Quirrel and didn't get it. And I'm very glad because he died in the first film."

On their very first days on set

Michael Gambon (Dumbledore): "I was just petrified … But you just fight your way through it."

Domhnall Gleeson (Bill Weasley): "I nearly wet myself. You can tell (I was) the new guy on set because (I had) a wand in the corner going, 'Poof!'"

Evanna Lynch (Luna Lovegood): "I wasn't an actor; I was just a huge fan. I remember (Daniel Radcliffe) knew that I was a nervous wreck … I had to ask him, 'Can I just touch you?'"

Producer David Baron: "(Daniel) was always really aware of the newcomers and went to great lengths to make them feel comfortable."

On the action in the eighth movie

Baron: "When you have a wand it's actually quite difficult to stage action in a way that feels suitably strong and aggressive."

Natalia Tena (Tonks): "Shouting swear words while you're using the wand helps."

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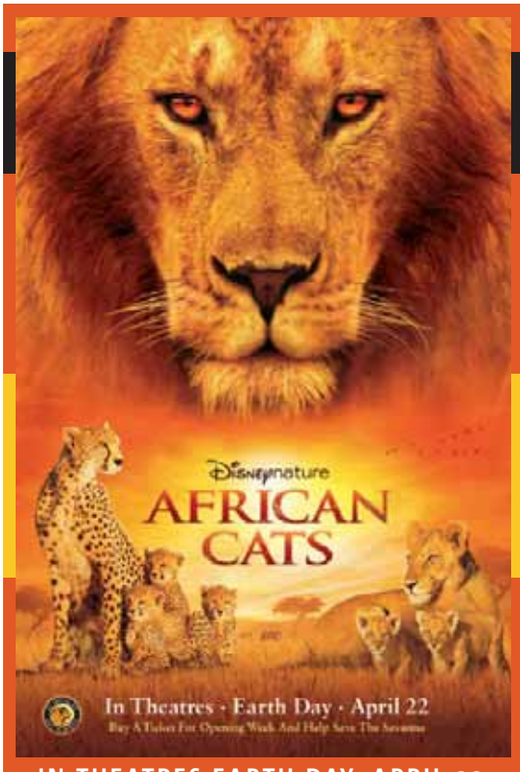

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▶ Natalie Portman

Pregnant Natalie Portman gives in to her desire for dairy

Though a self-proclaimed "vegan activist," Natalie Portman admits she's strayed from her diet's strict rules while pregnant.

"I actually went back to being vegetarian when I became pregnant, just because I felt like I wanted that stuff. I was listening to my body to have eggs and dairy and that sort of stuff," Portman says in an interview.

"I actually wanted eggs at the beginning and then they grossed me out after awhile. METRO

Arquette: Still friends with Courteney

▶ Courteney Cox

David Arquette says that while he and Courteney Cox aren't back together, they're still close. "We're best friends. We're not together. We're still separated," he tells Ryan Seacrest during a radio interview. Arquette also doesn't mind Cox spending time with another friend, Cougar Town co-star Josh Hopkins, no matter what the tabloids say. "She went away to St. Bart's with Coco and her best friend and Josh from the show, and I know about all of this," he says. "These tabloids make it like there's some kind of scandal going on. But there's no scandal." METRO

Ex won't be at Hefner's wedding

Hugh Hefner is gearing up for his wedding to 24-year-old Crystal Harris on June 18, but he already knows one person won't be attending: ex-girlfriend Holly Madison. "I think Holly has expressed publicly that it would be a little strange if she was there and I respect that," Hefner tells People magazine. "She knows she's invited. METRO

Baby for Benicio

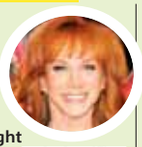
Kimberly Stewart and Benicio del Toro are having a baby, though they aren't actually together, according to Life & Style magazine.

"Kimberly is pregnant. Benicio is the father and is very supportive. Although they are not a couple, they are looking forward to the arrival of the baby," Stewart's rep confirms to the magazine. METRO

Osbournes having tax troubles

Kelly Osbourne isn't the only member of her family having tax trouble. Her parents, Ozzy and Sharon Osbourne, reportedly owe the IRS nearly $1.7 million, according to the New York Daily News. Sharon took to Twitter to address the news, writing, "you have to be on top of your own business affairs. My fault, lesson learned." METRO

Celebrity tweets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"Yes, I know I am in "AC" the same night as Charlie Sheen. When Warlocks & Witches collide! When is the Gary Busey tour???"

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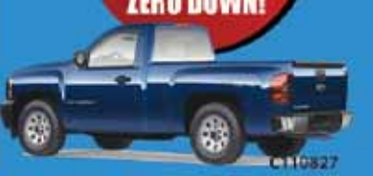

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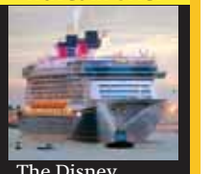

The Disney Cruise Line will set sail from New York, Seattle, and Galveston, Texas, beginning next year.
The company said it will offer 20 cruises from New York City aboard the Disney Magic starting on May 25, 2012. They will include eight-night cruises to the Bahamas, and five-night cruises up the New England coast to Canada.
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New website promises beachfront hotels will really be on the beach

Renowned dancer and choreographer Dave St-Pierre is always on the go, but he loves his home city ◗ The dance pioneer guides us through his favourite parts of Montreal

A dancer's Montreal

Every time I come back to Montreal after a few months outside of the country, I say: "OK, I'm home." Actually, Montreal is like a landmark for me. Maybe more than a home, 'cause I could live anywhere. But it feels good to be back here. Every time. Montreal is comforting.

Montreal is like a family. People are open-minded, it's not strange to see two men or two women walking hand-in-hand. Montrealers are friendly. That's probably why tourists miss the city so much when they're back home. Yes they missed the city — because there is a lot of things to do here — but they mostly miss the Montrealers. They miss our energy.

We're also very emotive. We're intense in everything we do. Maybe it's because we have such extremes in our weather — from very cold in the winter to very hot in the summer.

DAVID ST-PIERRE

CANADIAN TOURISM COMMISSION

▶ Cheesy but fun, a horse-drawn 'caleche' tour of the city

First time?

A walk in Old Montreal is a must. Try it by day and by night. The Basilique Notre-Dame, the Marché Bonsecours, the old Silos, the Old Port, you have to see it all. Walk in the narrowest alleys to discover this part of the city that is from another time. Le Pointe à Callière Museum (pacmusee.qc.ca) — about Montreal's history — is very interesting too. It may sound a bit cheesy, but step back in time and try a calèche tour. The guides will have great, unique stories for you about the city.

CAROLINE WEST

▶ Taking a stroll.

▶ Bily Kun

Stay in

Come to my loft! It's nice and cosy. But there won't be enough room for everyone. But seriously, I would choose a warm bed and breakfast over an impersonal hotel.

Go out

I would suggest an Open Mic evening at a bar like HELM on Bernard Street in the very hipster Mile-End neighbourhood. There are a lot of cool bars on Mont-Royal Avenue too like Bily Kun, Verre Bouteille or Plan B.

▶ Monastiraki

Shopping!

Go to Boulevard Saint-Laurent, nicknamed the "Main." You'll find a lot of great places from very chic boutiques to cool antique shops. Just walk on the street and you'll find some gems.

My favourite place is Monastiraki (monastiraki.blogspot.com), a small gallery and shop with odd objects, vintage posters and new books from contemporary cartoonists. Fairmount, Saint-Viateur and Bernard Streets are good spots too.

Been there before?

Take a look at the Belgo building (372 Rue Sainte-Catherine Ouest), where you'll find a lot of art galleries, fashion designers, artists and architects studios and the well-known school dance LADMMI. It's the perfect place to see what's happening in Montreal's art scene and to discover new artists. Another great place is the Modern Art Museum (macm.org). It's not the Guggenheim, but it's always interesting to spend the afternoon there. Don't be afraid to go in the art galleries too. Yves Laroche (yves-laroche.com) on Saint-Laurent is a very good one.

If you want to see a dance show, head to the La Chapelle Theater (lachapelle.org). They are offering astounding things right now. They aren't scared to go off the beaten track.

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Discovering Seattle

For travellers who make the popular road trip along the Pacific Northwest coast, Seattle is known as one of the mandatory big-city destinations along the way.

But there are enough secret, charming and historical spots throughout the city, begging to be discovered, to make it a great stand-alone destination.

Take the Experience Music Project as just one example. It's an unavoidable tourist destination, due entirely to the perplexing multicoloured structure of the building, which architect Frank Gehry modelled after the interiors of a guitar.

Yet, while the highly interactive rock 'n' roll museum is famous for its three-storey art installation, made entirely of guitars, and its tribute to Jimi Hendrix, it's also home to another little-known yet equally compelling destination: the Science Fiction Museum.

If you're looking for another destination to stimulate your senses, treat yourself to a tour of the Theo chocolate factory located in Fremont.

The chocolate company, which produces up to 128,000 bars per week, bills itself as the "first certified organic and fair trade chocolate maker in the United States," among other things.

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If you go ...

On the web. For more information on Seattle and its attractions can be found at empsfm.org, smithtower.com, theochocolate.com, visitseattle.org.

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▶ The Smith Tower in downtown Seattle, lower right, once the tallest building west of Ohio, is dwarfed by taller buildings now. There's seemingly endless charming and historical secret spots throughout the city.

WISHING CHAIR

The Smith Tower and marriage

If you're looking for a more historical, and panoramic, perspective of the city, head over to the Smith Tower, located in downtown Seattle.

Built in 1914 by tycoon Lyman Cornelius Smith. Smith was a manufacturer who'd taken his products, which included firearms and typewriters, to China.

The Chinese were so thrilled that they gave him a hand carved ceiling and black carved wood furniture which now decorate the tower's big selling feature — the Chinese Room and observatory deck.

There's one piece of furniture in the Chinese Room in the Smith Tower that has many single women making the trip up the tower.

The 330-year-old Wishing Chair is said to guarantee any single woman sincerely desiring marriage will be hitched within a year.

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Peggy's Cove turns 200

On the 200th anniversary of Nova Scotia's picture-perfect village by the sea, Peggy's Cove resident Roger Crooks says he'll celebrate the simple life of the past, while lobbying for a future fix-up.

Crooks, 74, is among the 40 remaining full-time residents of this community, famed for its landscape of stark granite boulders, crashing Atlantic seas and the lighthouse on the windworn rocks of Peggy's Point. Two hundred years ago, King George III issued land grants to the six founding families who settled the area.

Starting April 18 and every third Monday following, visitors can attend geology walks that explain the giant boulders known as "erratics" that cover the glacially scoured granite landscape.

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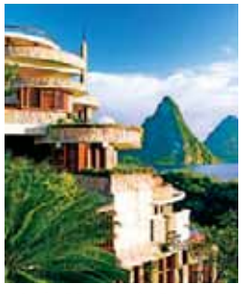
Royal honeymoons

Three super-sweet spots inspired by Kate and William and their need for private luxury



Jade Mountain Resort, St. Lucia

Located on Morne Chastanet, overlooking St. Lucia's Pitons and the Caribbean Sea, Jade Mountain has 24 incredible private Infinity Pool Sanctuaries. It's also tech-free — no phones, radios, TVs or computers.

Anantara Dhigu Resort & Spa, Maldives

This property features over-water suites, luxury villas and beach bungalows, all perfect places for newlyweds to nest.

Parrot Cay, Turks & Caicos

Built on a private island of 100-acres, Parrot Cay is renown for its beautiful beach, and as an amazing place to indulge in relaxation and romance.

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A fresh treat for kids? Yes, it's possible

After months of holiday-related treats, these lemon squares are refreshing Kids can help to make them

MAYA VISNYEI

This recipe makes 16 lemon squares.

Sometimes, it feels like health-conscious parents can't catch a break.

Just when you've managed to get past the Halloween treats (and the accompanying sugar highs), candy canes show up. And when you're done with those, Valentine's chocolates start appearing. Then they make way for eggs, chocolate bunnies and cream-filled chicks.

I'm looking forward to a few months without a treat-oriented holiday.

Meanwhile, I'm selling my kids on the idea of spring-themed treats as a replacement for excess chocolate eggs. These lemon squares might help me convince them.

If you can find Meyer lemons, they really are worth the extra expense.

Not as sour as regular citrus, they're vibrant tasting and very easy to juice and zest. But any lemon will do.

Addition of the wheat-germ to the crust gives it a nutty flavour, which is a nice foil for the lemony-ness of the squares.

This is a recipe with lots of opportunities for kids to get involved: pressing the crust into the pan, cracking eggs, grating the frozen butter. And, of course, doing what they do best: scarfing back the resulting treats.

Preparation:

1. In a bowl, combine flour, wheat germ, icing sugar and salt. Grate the sticks of frozen butter with a cheese grater into the flour mixture. Toss the frozen butter curls into the flour mixture until you have a mealy texture. Press the loose dough into 13 x 9 inch (3 L) baking dish and use your hands to flatten it. Refrigerate for 15 minutes.
2. Bake crust in 350 F (180 C) oven for 15 to 18 minutes or until just beginning to turn golden.
3. Filling: In bowl, whisk together sugar, flour, salt, lemon rind and juice, eggs and egg yolk. Whisk until well blended. Gently pour filling mixture onto the hot crust. Bake for 18 to 20 minutes or until the filling has just set.
4. Allow to cool completely before slicing into squares. Dip your knife in warm water before each cut to ensure clean cuts. **SWEET POTATO CHRONICLES (SWEETPOTATOCHRONICLES.COM)**

Ingredients:

- 2 cups (500 mL) all purpose flour
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) wheat germ
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) icing sugar
- 3/4 tsp (4 mL) salt
- 2 sticks frozen butter

Filling:

- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) all purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) grated lemon rind
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) lemon juice (about 4 Meyer lemons)
- 3 eggs
- 1 egg yolk
- Icing Sugar

The cupcake craze

These sweet, frosted pastries have become all the rage in recent years

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Cupcakes have even become popular with brides.

Cupcakes are the current darlings of the sweet-tooth brigade.

They are the focus of at least two specialty-channel television programs and umpteen online blogs; there are cupcake conventions, of a sort; one California wine district stages a cupcake- and wine-tasting tour featuring cupcakes with wine as an ingredient; they are even replacing traditional wedding cakes for many brides.

Bakeries devoted exclusively to cupcakes are springing up in cities across Canada to satisfy public taste for the treats.

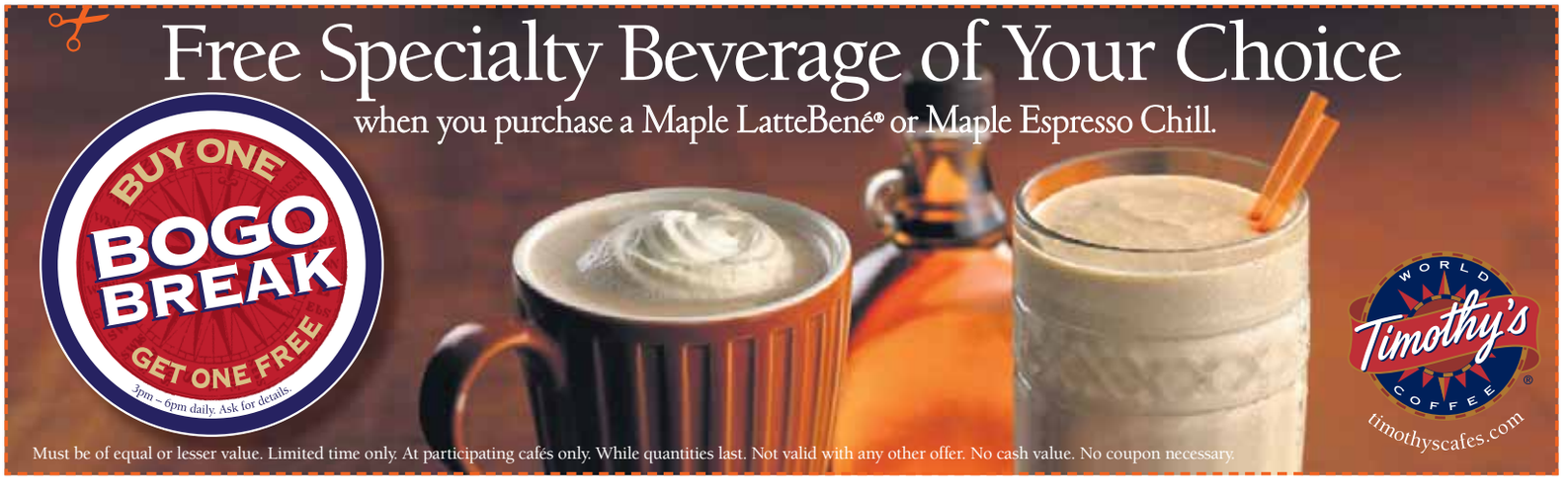
Connie Hartley opened Razzle Dazzle Cupcakes in London two years ago. It's the city's first cupcake specialty shop.

She and her son Steven, her baker, list 80 flavours on the menu and about 18 of those are available to walk-in customers daily.

That's about 300 cupcakes, all made and decorated on site, and most days they're sold out.

Among her most popular concoctions are red velvet cake with cream cheese frosting, chocolate cake with raspberry frosting, blueberry cake with blueberry frosting, cherry cake with cream cheese frosting and vanilla cake with Skor candy bar pieces and either a vanilla or toffee frosting.

She thinks the popularity of cupcakes can be attributed to their convenience and endless combinations of cake, frosting and other decorations. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**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Students everywhere are going for the green

Young people applying for enviro-programs in droves as jobs increase

Canadian students are flocking to environment-related programs as experts predict a boost in green sector jobs.

The latest figures show enrolment in university programs, such as land-use planning and conservation biology, have risen dramatically in recent years.

Environment-related college programs have also seen a slight increase in enrolment.

Meanwhile, experts say the country's burgeoning green economy holds many opportunities for graduates willing to step off the beaten path.

While it still represents fewer jobs overall than other fields, the green sector "is an emerging part of the economy that's growing at a faster rate than the traditional pieces," said job expert Alan Kearns, founder of CareerJoy.

Graduates who can market themselves in that economy are likely to be in demand, whether they end up working in a green start-up or co-ordinating a more traditional company's sustainability efforts, he said.

Students are showing a "huge interest" in green jobs, said Laurie Simmonds, president of Green Living, the marketing firm behind the Green Living Show in Toronto.

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▶ A worker is shown installing solar panels on the roof of a police station in Halifax.

That's why this year's show will include a green jobs forum on April 16, to help job seekers connect with green sector employers, she said.

Roughly two thirds of green companies expect to hire full-time employees in the next five years, according to a survey performed by ECO Canada last year.

Tom Rand, a clean technology expert who will headline the green jobs forum, said most opportunities available right now involve installing green technologies such as solar panels rather than developing new ones.

At the same time, there's always room for innovation and entrepreneurship, said Andrew Heintzman, chairman of Ontario's climate change advisory panel.

"It's never too early to start thinking about good ideas," he said.

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By the numbers

According to a report released by ECO Canada, a non-profit organization focused on the environment industry:

- The number of students enrolled in environment-related university programs went up roughly 40 per cent between 2000 and 2007.
- Enrolment in similar college programs rose less than one per cent between 2000 and 2005, the report reads.
- In Ontario, however, there's been a boom in green-economy college programs, with 35 new diploma or certificate programs introduced in the past three years, including 14 last fall alone.

TANGLED UP IN THE WEB?

Workplace Law

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The workplace no longer has traditional borders. Employees correspond through instant messages, through Facebook and via e-mail. Seldom do they do so exclusively for business purposes. Others, who are bored, unmotivated or underworked, surf the internet for much of their workdays, managing their sports pools, blogging about coworkers, reading the news or dating on-line. Employers have good reason for concern. Lost productivity and potential liability for the actions of their employees have caused most organizations to revisit their computer use policies - or create new ones altogether. Here are some common issues.

- Employees spending an inordinate amount of time at work accessing the web for personal use can be tantamount to theft of an employer's time, which can be cause for dismissal, with appropriate warnings.

- Internet use that can be considered harassing or discriminatory will be often be grounds for dismissal. In one case, two employees were fired after distributing a vulgar e-mail at work detailing the sexual gymnastics of an overweight female co-worker.

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Triano focuses on task at hand

Amid the mounting losses and uncertainty about a future that is unclear, Jay Triano has summoned strength from his past.

The Toronto Raptors have just one game left in a season to forget before an off-season full of question marks. Neither Triano's job as head coach, Bryan Colangelo's position as president and GM, nor the immediate continuance of the league itself is a given right now.

But as the late Canadian coaching legend Jack Donohue used to tell Triano, the only thing within his control is today.

"Jack used to tell us, 'Yesterday is a cancelled cheque, and tomorrow is a promisory note, and today is cash in hand,'" Triano said. "So live each day and do the best that you can every single day."

Triano will wrap up his ninth season in Toronto and second as head coach, when the Raptors (22-59) host the Miami Heat (57-24) tonight.

The Raptors have an option for another year on Triano's contract that has to be picked up by June.

Triano and his staff have spoken briefly about the future, yet tried not to dwell on their murky futures.

But Triano, who's Canada's first NBA head coach, said uncertainty is a constant in sports for coaches and athletes.

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▶Toronto Raptors coach Jay Triano

Iginla staying put: GM

Another priority is free-agent goalie Henrik Karlsson

Before the Calgary Flames head into an off-season that could see personnel change, acting general manager Jay Feaster made one thing clear — the captain is going nowhere.

Addressing the media yesterday, Feaster stressed that Jarome Iginla will definitely return for a 15th straight season with the Flames.

"Jarome isn't going anywhere," Feaster said. "Jarome is the face of the franchise in many ways. Jarome is a guy who at times this season has carried this hockey club."

Feaster says building the Flames around a core group that includes Iginla is the best way to have success moving forward.

"There's no doubt in my mind that Jarome wants to win a Stanley Cup and he wants to win it here, and we want to win a Stanley Cup and win it with Jarome here," he said. "It's a non-starter."

"We want Glennie back and he knows that, too."
ACTING GM JAY FEASTER ON CURTIS GLENCROSS

Feaster also said that a plan is in the works to re-sign unrestricted free agents Alex Tanguay and Curtis Glencross.

"What we have on the drawing board right now is that both guys are doable," he said.

Playing on a line with Iginla all season, Tanguay rebounded from a 37-point season with the Tampa Bay Lightning in 2009-10 to put up 22 goals and 47 assists with the Flames.

"He was a great signing this off-season by Darryl (Sutter) and has come in and had a tremendous year for us," Feaster said.

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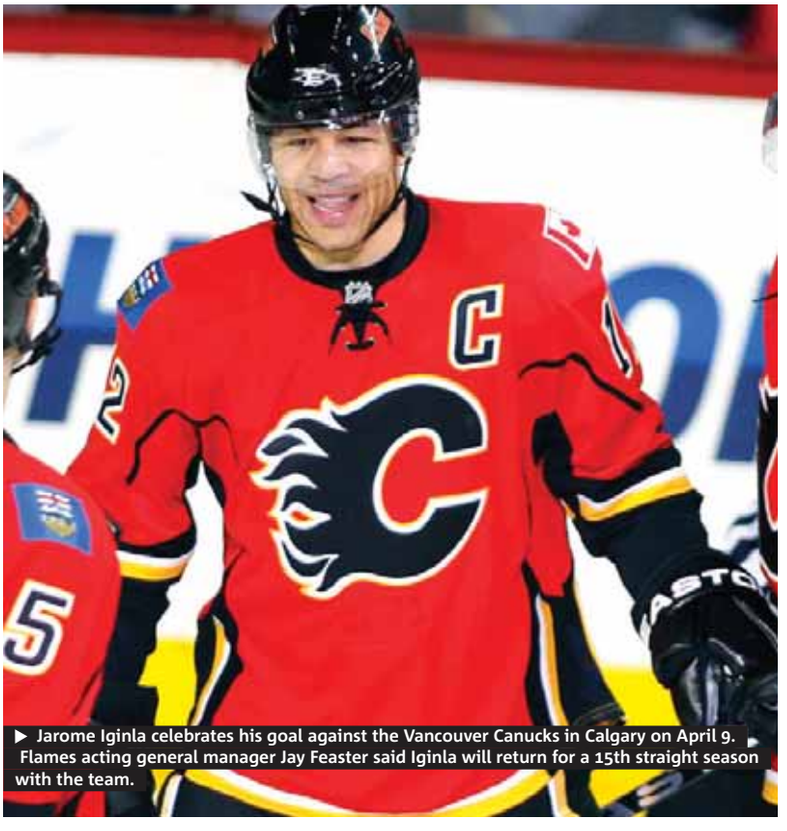

▶ Jarome Iginla celebrates his goal against the Vancouver Canucks in Calgary on April 9. Flames acting general manager Jay Feaster said Iginla will return for a 15th straight season with the team.

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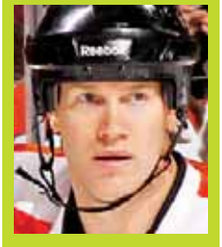

"I guess you'll have to wait and find out."
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Oilers will pick first for second straight year

The Edmonton Oilers will pick first overall in the NHL draft again.

Edmonton won the draft lottery last night after finishing its season in 30th place and holding the highest odds of getting the No. 1 pick at 48.2 per cent.

Colorado (18.8 per cent), Florida (14.2 per cent), the New York Islanders (10.7 per cent) and Ottawa (8.1 per cent) were also in the running.

The NHL draft is scheduled for June 24-25 in St. Paul, Minn., where Ryan Nugent-Hopkins of the WHL's Red Deer Rebels is expected to be taken No. 1 overall.

Edmonton selected winger Taylor Hall with last year's first pick.

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Sports in brief

Dallas Stars coach fired

N The Dallas Stars fired coach Marc Crawford on Monday after missing the playoffs in each of his two seasons, extending their post-season drought to three years.

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Getting closer to a rematch

SOCCER. Barcelona and Manchester United moved a step closer to a rematch of the 2009 Champions League final yesterday as both clubs earned victories to extend their first-leg advantage and reach the semis.

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▶ Carey Price will have his chance to shine, or stumble, this spring.

Price takes centre stage

Canadiens goalie will try to make Habs fans forget about Halak
Heads into Game 1 facing Vezina Trophy favourite Tim Thomas

Much has changed for Carey Price since he was forced to watch from the bench last spring as unheralded goalie Jaroslav Halak led the Montreal Canadiens to the Eastern Conference final.

Halak was traded not long after that despite becoming the darling of the Bell Centre crowd.

But then Price asserted his billing as a goaltending prodigy with a breakthrough 2010-11 season, appearing in a career-high 72 games and finishing tied for the league lead with 38 victories.

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Now it's playoff time, and it will be up to Price to hold the fort as he tries to make people forget about Halak's feat with his own string of upsets.

It starts in Boston, where the slick-skating Canadiens begin what should be a tight first-round series against the Bruins tomorrow night (CBC, 5 p.m.).

"It's not just me out there, there's other guys, too. I'm not going to put all that burden on myself."
CANADIENS GOALTENDER CAREY PRICE

"I'll just keep on doing what I've been doing all season," Price said yesterday.

The playoffs have not been kind to Price in recent years, but that was a younger, less disciplined version of the goaltender.

After he came out of junior hockey and led the Hamilton Bulldogs to an AHL championship in 2007, the 2005 fifth-overall draft pick won the starting job in Montreal. He posted two shutouts in a first-round victory over the Bruins in the 2008 post-season.

Price hasn't won in the playoffs since.

He takes an eight-game playoff winless run into the Boston series.

"Every year's a new year so you never know what's going to happen," he said.

It may be a rough series for Price. The Bruins like to crowd the net and have the big men to do it, starting with rugged winger Milan Lucic, who had nine points in six games against Montreal this season.

Mostly, Price wants his chance to revel in the excitement of a playoff run.

"Playing at this time of the year in this city is special," he said. "But the guys in this locker-room have to stay calm and keep on doing what's made us successful. Not tighten up or get nervous."

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Pens enter Round 1 lacking

Mario Lemieux and Ron Francis. Jaromir Jagr. Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin.

Every Pittsburgh Penguins team that has reached the NHL playoffs since the 1980s has featured the NHL's best player, one of its top scorers, or both.

Except these playoffs.

The Lightning possess more offensive depth, more proven scorers and more stars than the Penguins, who begin the post-season without knowing if megastar Crosby will take another shift until October.

Crosby, out with a concussion, skated with teammates during practice yesterday but has not been cleared for contact. He is all but certain to miss the series.

"There's no change in Sidney Crosby's status," coach Dan Bylsma said yesterday.

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Eastern Conference

Washington Capitals vs. N.Y. Rangers

(No. 1) **[Season series, Rangers 3-1-0]** The Capitals' goal this season was getting ready for the playoffs and improving defensively.

(No. 8) Goalie Henrik Lundqvist led the league with 11 shutouts and offers New York a chance to upset.

Philadelphia Flyers vs. Buffalo Sabres

(No. 2) **[Season series, Flyers 2-1-1]** Sergei Bobrovsky will start the series as the No. 1 man but may not last if he stumbles.

(No. 7) Buffalo has been scorching hot since the all-star break. Ryan Miller is back after missing time with an upper-body injury.

Boston Bruins vs. Montreal Canadiens

(No. 3) **[Season series, Canadiens 4-2-0]** Boston will try to use the body to intimidate and wear down the Habs.

(No. 6) Montreal's Carey Price tied for the league lead with 38 wins. The Habs will need a huge series from him to have a chance.

Pittsburgh Penguins vs. Tampa Bay Lightning

(No. 4) **[Season series tied 2-2-0]** The Penguins managed to hang tough despite playing without Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin.

(No. 5) Tampa returns to the post-season after missing the last three years and should have the edge offensively.

Western Conference

Vancouver Canucks vs. Chicago Blackhawks

(No. 1) **[Season series, Canucks 2-1-1]** Nothing short of a Stanley Cup will do for 2010-11's first-place team.

(No. 8) Chicago beat Vancouver in the playoffs the last two years but will be an underdog this time around.

San Jose Sharks vs. Los Angeles Kings

(No. 2) **[Season series, Sharks 3-1-2]** Goalie Antti Niemi will be looking to win the Stanley Cup for the second time in as many years.

(No. 7) Los Angeles enters the series without leading scorer Anze Kopitar, but is hoping to get Justin Williams back from a dislocated shoulder.

Detroit Red Wings vs. Phoenix Coyotes

(No. 3) **[Season series, Coyotes 2-0-2]** Detroit stumbled down the stretch and Henrik Zetterberg will be out of the lineup to start the playoffs.

(No. 6) The Coyotes put together another solid year despite only having one player (Shane Doan) reach 20 goals.

Anaheim Ducks vs. Nashville Predators

(No. 4) **[Season series, Predators 3-1-0]** The Ducks roared into the playoffs in large part due to Corey Perry, who scored 19 goals in the final 16 games.

(No. 5) Nashville is hoping to advance past the first round for the first time in franchise history.

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

PLAYOFFS

All times Eastern

CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS

(Best-of-7 series)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Washington (1) vs. N.Y. Rangers (8)
Tonight's game
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Friday's game
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, April 20
Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 23
x-N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 3 p.m.
Monday, April 25
x-Washington at N.Y. Rangers, TBA
Wednesday, April 27
x-N.Y. Rangers at Washington, TBA
Philadelphia (2) vs. Buffalo (7)
Tomorrow's game
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
Monday, April 18
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 20
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, April 22
x-Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 24
x-Philadelphia at Buffalo, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, April 26
x-Buffalo at Philadelphia, TBA
Boston (3) vs. Montreal (6)
Tomorrow's game
Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m.
Saturday's game
Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m.
Monday, April 18
Boston at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 21
Boston at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 23
x-Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 26
x-Boston at Montreal, TBA
Wednesday, April 27
x-Montreal at Boston, TBA
Pittsburgh (4) vs. Tampa Bay (5)
Tonight's game
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Friday's game
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Monday, April 18
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 20
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 23
x-Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, TBA
Monday, April 25
x-Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, TBA
Wednesday, April 27
x-Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Vancouver (1) vs. Chicago (8)
Tonight's game
Chicago at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Friday's game
Chicago at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Sunday's game
Vancouver at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19
Vancouver at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Thursday, April 21
x-Chicago at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Sunday, April 24
x-Vancouver at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 26
x-Chicago at Vancouver, TBA
San Jose (2) vs. Los Angeles (7)
Tomorrow's game
Los Angeles at San Jose, 10 p.m.
Saturday's game
Los Angeles at San Jose, 10 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19
San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 21
San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 23
x-Los Angeles at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Monday, April 25
x-San Jose at Los Angeles, TBA
Wednesday, April 27
x-Los Angeles at San Jose, TBA
Detroit (3) vs. Phoenix (6)
Tonight's game
Phoenix at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Saturday's game
Phoenix at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Monday, April 18
Detroit at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 20
Detroit at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.
Friday, April 22
x-Phoenix at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Sunday, April 24
x-Detroit at Phoenix, TBA
Wednesday, April 27
x-Phoenix at Detroit, TBA
Anaheim (4) vs. Nashville (5)
Tonight's game
Nashville at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's game
Nashville at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Anaheim at Nashville, TBA
Wednesday, April 20
Anaheim at Nashville, TBA
Friday, April 22
x-Nashville at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Sunday, April 24
x-Anaheim at Nashville, TBA
Tuesday, April 26
x-Nashville at Anaheim, TBA
x — played only if necessary.

FINAL REGULAR SEASON SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
D.Sedin, Vcr	41	63	104
St. Louis, TB	31	68	99
Perry, Ana	50	48	98
H.Sedin, Vcr	19	75	94
Stamkos, TB	45	46	91
Iginla, Cal	43	43	86
Ovechkin, Wash	32	53	85
Selanne, Ana	31	49	80
Zetterberg, Det	24	56	80
B.Richards, Dal	28	49	77
E.Staal, Car	33	43	76
Toews, Chi	32	44	76
C.Giroux, Pha	25	51	76
Getzlaf, Ana	19	57	76
Kesler, Vcr	41	32	73
Marleau, SJ	37	36	73
Vanek, Buf	32	41	73
Eriksson, Dal	27	46	73
P.Kane, Chi	27	46	73
Kopitar, LA	25	48	73
Ryan, Ana	34	37	71
Sharp, Chi	34	37	71
Ribeiro, Dal	19	52	71
J.Thornton, SJ	21	49	70
Tanguay, Cal	22	47	69
Briere, Pha	34	34	68
Visnovsky, Ana	18	50	68
Tavares, NYI	29	38	67
Duchene, Col	27	40	67
J.Carter, Pha	36	30	66
Crosby, Pgh	32	34	66
Nash, Clb	32	34	66
M.Richards, Pha	23	43	66
Pavelski, SJ	20	46	66
Backstrom, Wash	18	47	65
Kessel, Tor	32	32	64
Heatley, SJ	26	38	64
Skinner, Car	31	32	63
Backes, StL	31	31	62
Lucic, Bos	30	32	62
Clowe, SJ	24	38	62
Havlat, Minn	22	40	62
Elias, NJ	21	41	62
MacArthur, Tor	21	41	62
M.Koivu, Minn	17	45	62
Lidstrom, Det	16	46	62

MLB

MONDAY

MARINERS 8, BLUE JAYS 7

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Y.Escobar ss	3	0	1	1	1	1	.458
C.Patterson cf	5	1	2	2	0	0	.400
Bautista rf	3	1	2	0	2	1	.400
Lind 1b	5	0	0	0	0	3	.273
A.Hill 2b	5	1	1	1	0	1	.186
Arencibia c	5	0	2	0	0	1	.375
Snider lf	4	1	0	1	1	2	.147
Encarnacion dh	4	1	3	0	0	0	.235
J.Nix 3b	4	2	3	1	0	0	.333
Totals	**38**	**7**	**14**	**6**	**4**	**9**	
Seattle	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**BB**	**SO**	**Avg.**
I.Suzuki rf	4	2	2	0	2	0	.275
Figgins 3b	1	0	1	0	1	0	.158
L.Rodriguez 3b	3	1	1	3	1	1	.167
Bradley lf	4	2	2	2	1	1	.278
Cust dh	3	0	0	1	2	1	.171
1-Langerhans pr-dh	0	0	0	0	0	0	.167
Smoak 1b	3	0	2	2	2	1	.265
Olivo c	5	0	0	0	0	2	.207
M.Saunders cf	4	2	2	0	1	0	.263
Ryan ss	3	1	1	0	1	1	.167
J.Wilson 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.273
a-A.Kennedy ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.294
Totals	**35**	**8**	**11**	**8**	**11**	**7**	

Toronto	**012**	**202**	**000**	**7**	**141**
Seattle	**000**	**000**	**152**	**8**	**111**

Two outs when winning run scored.
a-grounded out for J.Wilson in the 9th.
1-ran for Cust in the 8th.
E—Arencibia (1), Smoak (1). LOB—Toronto 9, Seattle 13. 2B—A.Hill (2), Encarnacion (2), J.Nix (1), Smoak (5), M.Saunders (1). HR—C.Patterson (1), off F.Hernandez; Bradley (1), off Villanueva. RBIs—Y.Escobar (5), C.Patterson 2 (2), A.Hill (7), Snider (8), J.Nix (4), L.Rodriguez 3 (3), Bradley 2 (3), Cust (4), Smoak 2 (4). SB—Bautista (1), I.Suzuki (4), M.Saunders (1), Ryan (1). CS—Snider (1). S—Ryan. SF—Y.Escobar.
Runners left in scoring position—Toronto 5 (A.Hill, C.Patterson, Lind 3); Seattle 8 (Olivo 6, L.Rodriguez, I.Suzuki).
Runners moved up—J.Wilson. GIDP—Lind, Olivo. DP—Toronto 1 (J.Nix, A.Hill, Lind); Seattle 1 (J.Wilson, Ryan, Smoak).

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Litsch	5	5	0	0	4	4	111	2.38
Frasor	1	0	0	0	1	1	20	3.38
Villanueva	1	1	1	1	1	2	23	1.35
Purcey	⅓	2	3	3	1	0	16	11.57
Dotel	0	0	2	2	2	0	12	9.00
Rzepczynski	0	1	0	0	1	0	10	0.00
Camp L, 0-1	BS, 1-1	1⅓	2	2	2	1	0	22 2.57

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
F.Hernandez	6	12	7	7	2	6	111	4.50
Laffey	1	1	0	0	0	1	13	0.00
Wilhelmsen	1	1	0	0	2	1	21	9.82
Lueke W, 1-0	1	0	0	0	0	1	12	9.82

Dotel pitched to 2 batters in the 8th.
Rzepczynski pitched to 2 batters in the 8th.
Inherited runners-scored—Dotel 3-2, Rzepczynski 3-3, Camp 2-0. IBB—off Camp (I.Suzuki). WP—F.Hernandez 2.
Umpires—Home, Scott Barry; First, John Hirschbeck; Second, Wally Bell; Third, Laz Diaz.
T—3:46. A—13,056 (47,878).

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	6	3	.667	—
New York	5	4	.556	1
Toronto	5	5	.500	1½
Tampa Bay	3	8	.273	4
Boston	2	9	.182	5

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	8	3	.727	—
Chicago	7	4	.636	1
Kansas City	6	4	.600	1½
Minnesota	4	6	.400	3½
Detroit	4	7	.364	4

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	9	2	.818	—
Los Angeles	6	5	.545	3
Oakland	5	6	.455	4
Seattle	3	7	.300	5½

Yesterday's results
Tampa Bay 3 Boston 2
L.A. Angels 2 Cleveland 0
Minnesota 4 Kansas City 3 (10 innings)
Chicago White Sox 6 Oakland 5 (10 innings)
Detroit 5 Texas 4
Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, ppd., rain
Toronto at Seattle
Monday's results
Seattle 8 Toronto 7
Tampa Bay 16 Boston 5
Texas 2 Detroit 0
Oakland 2 Chicago White Sox 1, 10 innings
Cleveland 4 L.A. Angels 0
Today's games
All times Eastern
Texas (Bush 0-0) at Detroit (Scherzer 2-0), 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Davies 0-1) at Minnesota (Liriano 0-2), 1:10 p.m.
Oakland (Anderson 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (Danks 0-1), 2:10 p.m.
Toronto (Drabek 1-0) at Seattle (Vargas 0-1), 3:40 p.m.
Baltimore (Bergesen 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (P.Hughes 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (C.Carrasco 1-1) at L.A. Angels (E.Santana 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Shields 0-1) at Boston (Lackey 1-1), 7:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	7	3	.700	—
Florida	5	5	.500	2
Washington	5	5	.500	2
Atlanta	5	6	.455	2½
New York	4	6	.400	3

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	7	3	.700	—
Milwaukee	5	5	.500	2
Pittsburgh	5	5	.500	2
Chicago	5	6	.455	2½
St. Louis	4	6	.400	3
Houston	3	8	.273	4½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	7	2	.778	—
Los Angeles	6	4	.600	1½
Arizona	4	5	.444	3
San Diego	4	5	.444	3
San Francisco	4	6	.400	3½

Yesterday's results
Houston 11 Chicago Cubs 2
Atlanta 5 Florida 0
Washington 7 Philadelphia 4
Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, ppd., rain
Colorado at N.Y. Mets, ppd., rain
St. Louis at Arizona
Cincinnati at San Diego
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco
Monday's results
Colorado 7 N.Y. Mets 6
St. Louis 8 Arizona 2
Cincinnati 3 San Diego 2
Chicago Cubs 5 Houston 4
L.A. Dodgers 6 San Francisco 1
Today's games
All times Eastern
Cincinnati (T.Wood 1-1) at San Diego (Stauffer 0-1), 6:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Marcum 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Correia 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Halladay 1-0) at Washington (Lannan 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (De La Rosa 1-0) at N.Y. Mets (Dickey 1-1), 7:10 p.m.
Florida (Jo.Johnson 1-0) at Atlanta (T.Hudson 2-0), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 1-0) at Houston (W.Rodriguez 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Westbrook 0-1) at Arizona (I.Kennedy 1-0), 9:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Lilly 0-1) at San Francisco (J.Sanchez 0-1), 10:15 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP MONTE CARLO MASTERS

At Monte Carlo, Monaco
Singles — First Round
Gilles Simon (16), France, def. Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, 6-3, 6-2.
Feliciano Lopez, Spain, def. Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Maximo Gonzalez, Argentina, def. Victor Hanescu, Romania, 3-6, 7-5, 6-1.
Fabio Fognini, Italy, def. Kevin Anderson, South Africa, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.
Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, def. Vincent Millot, France, 6-2, 6-4.
Singles — Second Round
Milos Raonic, Thornhill, Ont., def. Ernests Gulbis, Latvia, 6-4, 7-5.
Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, def. Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, 6-2, 6-1.
Tomas Berdych (5), Czech Republic, def. Olivier Rochus, Belgium, 6-2, 6-3.
Ivan Ljubicic, Croatia, def. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (12), France, 7-6 (2), 6-4.

SOCCER

ENGLAND

(Home teams listed first)
LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP
Barnsley 0 Queens Park Rangers 1
Derby 2 Leeds 1
Doncaster 1 Preston 1
Ipswich 3 Middlesbrough 3
Leicester 1 Crystal Palace 1
Millwall 0 Bristol City 0
Nott'm Forest 2 Burnley 0
Portsmouth 0 Coventry 3
Scunthorpe 0 Reading 2
Sheff Utd 0 Cardiff 2
Swansea 1 Hull 1
Watford 2 Norwich 2

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Chicago	61	20	.753	—
y-Miami	57	24	.704	4
y-Boston	55	26	.679	6
x-Orlando	51	30	.630	10
x-Atlanta	44	37	.543	17
x-New York	42	39	.519	19
x-Philadelphia	41	40	.506	20
x-Indiana	37	44	.457	24
Milwaukee	34	47	.420	27
Charlotte	33	48	.407	28
Detroit	29	52	.358	32
New Jersey	24	57	.296	37
Washington	23	58	.284	38
Toronto	22	59	.272	39
Cleveland	18	63	.222	43

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-San Antonio	61	19	.763	—
x-Dallas	56	25	.691	5½
y-L.A. Lakers	55	25	.688	6
y-Oklahoma City	55	26	.679	6½
x-Denver	50	31	.617	11½
x-Portland	47	33	.588	14
x-Memphis	46	34	.575	15
x-New Orleans	46	35	.568	15½
Houston	42	39	.519	19½
Phoenix	39	42	.481	22½
Utah	38	43	.469	23½
Golden State	35	46	.432	26½
L.A. Clippers	31	50	.383	30½
Sacramento	24	57	.296	37½
Minnesota	17	64	.210	44½

x-clinched playoff spot; y-clinched division; z-clinched conference
Last night's results
Chicago 103 New York 90
Memphis at Portland
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers
Monday's results
Miami 98 Atlanta 90
Charlotte 105 New Jersey 103
Orlando 95 Philadelphia 85
Washington 95, Boston 94, OT
Cleveland 110 Detroit 101
Milwaukee 93 Toronto 86
Utah 90 New Orleans 78
Dallas 98 Houston 91, OT
Denver 134 Golden State 111
Phoenix 135 Minnesota 127, OT
Oklahoma City 120 Sacramento 112
Today's games
All times Eastern
Denver at Utah, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Chicago, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
New York at Boston, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Charlotte, 8 p.m.
Washington at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Miami at Toronto, 8 p.m.
Portland at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Memphis at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
END OF REGULAR SEASON

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Engine

Returning for 2011 is the base 173-horsepower 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine, although its redesigned engine mounts are claimed to lessen the amount of noise and vibration that made life unpleasant for many Sebring owners who selected this engine.

Newly optional is a 283-horsepower 3.6-litre V6 that replaces the previous six-cylinder offerings.

Facelift

Physically, the 200 still resembles the Sebring of old, but with cleaned-up front-end styling, including a new hood, fenders, grille and projector-style headlights that give the car a classier appearance.

The 200 now closely connects with the full-size Chrysler 300 that has undergone a similar facelift. At the opposite end, a new trunk lid, fenders, bumper and tail lamps also play a part in the Sebring-to-200 transformation.

Interior

Even more radical surgery has been performed on the car's interior. The overtly plastic instrument panel has been restyled and covered in richer-looking soft-touch material and the seats and seat coverings have been upgraded for much-needed comfort and eye appeal.

Topping it off is a new steering wheel with integrated controls for the audio and communications systems.

▶ The nose of the 200 falls in line with the remade Chrysler 300. A better suspension and heavily upgraded interior, along with a new V6 engine, highlight the major improvements.

More than just a name change

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Chrysler's wave of new and updated models has been nothing short of spectacular.

And among the cars requiring urgent attention was the automaker's Sebring sedan and convertible, now referred to as the 200 series.

In the mid-size class, the Sebring was the wallflower of the group.

Not especially popular — and outclassed by its peers — the car had become all but shunned by the vast majority of buyers who preferred to dance with the Toyota Camry, Honda Accord, Ford Fusion and Chevrolet Malibu, to name just a few of the alternatives.

Chrysler's new Fiat-controlled management group will replace the 200 with an entirely new car in a few years, but for now a new name, fresh sheetmetal and a major engine upgrade will have to suffice.

Are the changes enough to erase any negative thoughts about the previous Sebring? Probably not entirely, but considering the short lead time to develop a stop-gap solution, Chrysler's design and engineering teams have managed to perform a minor miracle.

Viewed in its entirety, the 200 series represents a valiant attempt by Chrysler to get back in the mid-size game and be taken seriously as a category contender.

▶ A look at the 200 convertible.

▶ The new interior is far ahead of old car in terms of comfort and a general feeling of quality. Since this can make or break a sale, Chrysler was wise to invest here.

Chrysler 200

What you should know about the 2011 Chrysler 200:

- **Types:** Four-door mid-size sedan, two-door convertible.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (173); 3.6-litre DOHC V6 (283).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed manual, six-speed automated manual (opt.).
- **Points:** Restyle plays it safe, but improves on previous Sebring; Interior changes add much-needed touch of class.
- **Stats:** L/100 km (city/highway) 9.9/6.7(2.4).

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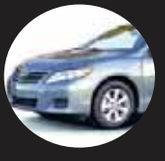
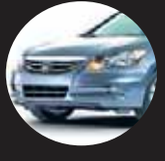
By comparison

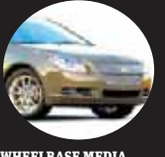
Toyota Camry
Base price: $26,800
Mid-size sedan sales king offers plenty of choice, including a hybrid option.



Honda Accord
Base price: $26,350
Roomy, high-quality I4, V6 sedan and coupe are genuine driver's cars.



Chevrolet Malibu
Base price: $25,450
Nicely styled mid-sizer is comfortable and delivers excellent fuel economy.



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DON'T JUST PAINT IT, WRAP IT

Vinyl siding for a house is probably a good product, just not too mind-bending. Vinyl for vehicles is a whole other story. The possibilities are positively mind-blowing, if you're ready to cover parts, or your entire car, with a vinyl wrap.

Vinyl wraps started showing up about 15 years ago, mostly as a cheaper and more graphic alternative to painting, to deck out vehicles for promotional and marketing purposes.

Eventually they made their way to personal cars, particularly luxury car and sports car owners looking for that "gangster" look — no chrome, all black matte "stealth bomber."

Brian Spiteri's firm, Big Picture Imaging of Campbellville, Ont., (bigpictureimaging.ca) has done its share of these full-matte, full-wrap projects, including a recent one that was so wondrous that even the R8 owner's teenage son had to concede that his father "may have crossed the line over to cool."

Spiteri's latest project was on his own hobby car — a 1981 Porsche Targa SC. One of the major vinyl wrap suppliers, Germany's Oracal, recently came out with products particularly suited as a "paint replacement." Spiteri was ready to change the colour of his car, but was leery about covering up the Porsche's original paint — a much-coveted aspect of a collector car and one that can considerably juice up its future value. This new wrap sounded like the perfect solution.

"Wraps actually protect original paint from oxidation and fading," says Spiteri. "But wraps also give you the opportunity to have some fun, by letting your personality shine."

In the end he opted for metallic azure blue with a high-gloss finish. A few years from now, when he's not feeling quite so blue, he'll just peel off the wrap (carefully), and presto! — back to original paint, or on to Ferrari Red.

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▶ How's this for a marketing idea?

Applying vinyl wrap isn't quite as easy putting up wallpaper. Spiteri says it's a job best left to the professionals. You think?

Contemplating a home project soon has me picturing myself on the garage floor, crazily wrapped in vinyl, trying to wiggle, armlessly, over to the phone, to peck out 911 — with my nose.

A full wrap, executed by the pros at Big Picture Imaging, would start around $3,000.

Full wraps aren't cheap, concedes Lione Ole, a well-known photographer, specializing in newborns (amazingnewborns.com).

When he relocated from Montreal to the GTA area last year, one of the first things he did was buy a black VW GT1 and send it over to Spiteri's shop for a wild wrap. He considers the outlay to be a worthwhile investment in marketing. Anyone who has seen the finished product would have to agree.

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This Toyota could be a prime pickup

Last-generation Tacoma offers reliability, but check for rust

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Few pickup trucks can match the tough and charming Toyota Tacoma where popularity and owner loyalty are concerned.

Long sought out for its ruggedness, off-road abilities and knack for reliable long-term operation, Tacoma has earned itself thousands of happy followers.

Tacoma's competition included the Ford Ranger, Nissan Frontier and Mazda B-Series. Used Tacoma shoppers in the 1996 to 2004 generation will find a variety of options and configurations available to suit a wide range of needs.

What's the 4-1-1

- **Model:** 1996 to 2004 Toyota Tacoma
- **Vehicle Type:** Pickup truck
- **Approximate used price range:** $3,500 to $10,000

Look for a pair of four-cylinder engines, displacing 2.4 or 2.7-litres and whipping up 160 or 177 lb.-ft of torque, respectively.

A 3.4-litre V6 was also available with 220 lb.-ft of torque, and is recommended for those intending to tow or haul more extensively. If that's not your cup of tea, the 2.7-litre engine should prove cheaper to fuel and maintain — not to mention adequately powerful.

Look for manual or automatic transmissions and a 4x4 system with low-range for real-world capability.

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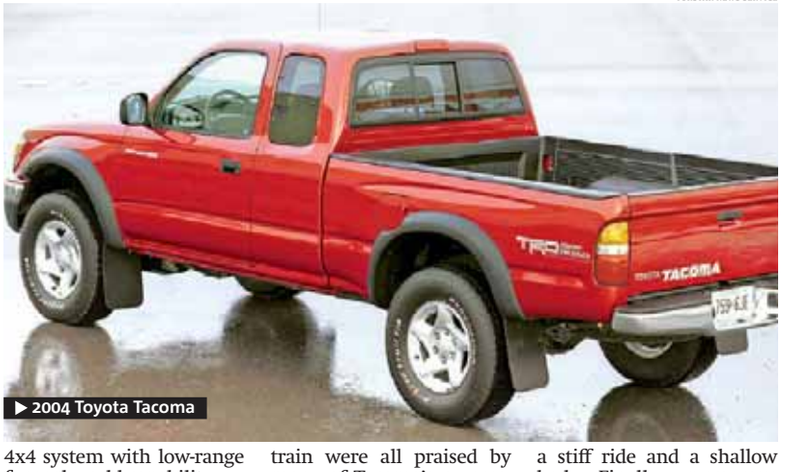

▶ 2004 Toyota Tacoma

Seating for three or five was available, and a four-door, small-box DoubleCab model offered additional passenger capacity from 2001 on.

What Owners Like

Styling, off-road capability, long-term reliability and a relatively smooth powertrain were all praised by many of Tacoma's owners. Decent mileage, ground clearance and power output were also rated highly.

What Owners Hate

Common complaints deal with thin paint and body panels, which are easily chipped and dented, respectively. Other gripes include uncomfortable seats, a stiff ride and a shallow bed. Finally, numerous owners wish for a better standard stereo.

Common Issues

On a test-drive, check the brakes and 4x4 system for proper operation and engagement. Tires and the clutch, if equipped, should be checked for wear as well. If in doubt, ask a mechanic.

The underbody should be extensively checked for dents, scrapes and punctures caused by off-roading, too. If the vehicle's former owner bashed the heck out of the Tacoma's floorpan during careless off-roading, now is the time to find out.

Finally, Having the Tacoma you're considering inspected for rust should be considered absolutely mandatory. Though no worrisome drivetrain or electronic-related issues present themselves in checks of online forums, some earlier Tacoma models in this generation were actually recalled due to a heavy rust problem, which could see the frame perforate.

The Verdict

Ultimately, a clean, well-maintained and rust-free Tacoma should provide years of enjoyable pickup truck wholesomeness with minimal headaches.

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The next-generation of sunroofs

Mercedes-Benz offering a sunroof that goes dark at touch of a button

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If your car has a sunroof, you've undoubtedly pulled the screen over it for some shade on a sunny day.

Now a new glass roof from Mercedes-Benz, called Magic Sky Control, achieves the same goal without a screen, going dark at the touch of a button to keep the sun from shining in.

It's available as an option on the 2012 retractable-roof SLK roadster.

"The technology differs from both auto-dimming mirrors and in eyeglasses that automatically go dark, using a different kind of sensor technology," says David Sherrard, SLK product manager for Mercedes-Benz Canada.

"Unlike those photogrey (eyeglass) lenses, Magic Sky Control system relies on electricity to vary the opacity of the glass."

The sunroof can be either left transparent, or darkened by pushing a button.

The system uses a control unit and converter that are integrated into the front section of the roof.

When these send an electrical voltage through the glass, particles within the glass position themselves so that light can pass through — the window is transparent.

However, once the voltage is turned off, the particles position themselves randomly, which partially blocks the light and turns the glass dark.

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▶ Mercedes-Benz's Magic Sky Control is available as an option on the 2012 retractable-roof SLK roadster.

Even in transparent mode, the roof blocks UV and infrared light, Sherrard says, but insulation increases significantly and noticeably when the glass is darker.

This helps to keep the temperature on interior parts such as armrests cooler by up to 10 degrees C compared with conventional green glass or a sunshade, Sherrard says.

Because it depends on electrical current to stay transparent, the glass goes dark when the car is shut off and power no longer goes to the roof system.

This keeps the car from getting too hot when it's parked in the sun, which in turn reduces the amount of air conditioning needed when it's started up again.

The automaker tested the roof in 50 C heat in Death Valley, where the load from the sun dropped by ⅒ when the Magic Sky Control roof went from transparent to dark.

Mirrors

- Many automakers, including Mercedes-Benz, offer auto-dimming inside rearview or outside mirrors.
- These also use electricity to darken the glass, but the voltage moves through a special electrochromic gel that is sandwiched between two pieces of glass with a conductive coating.
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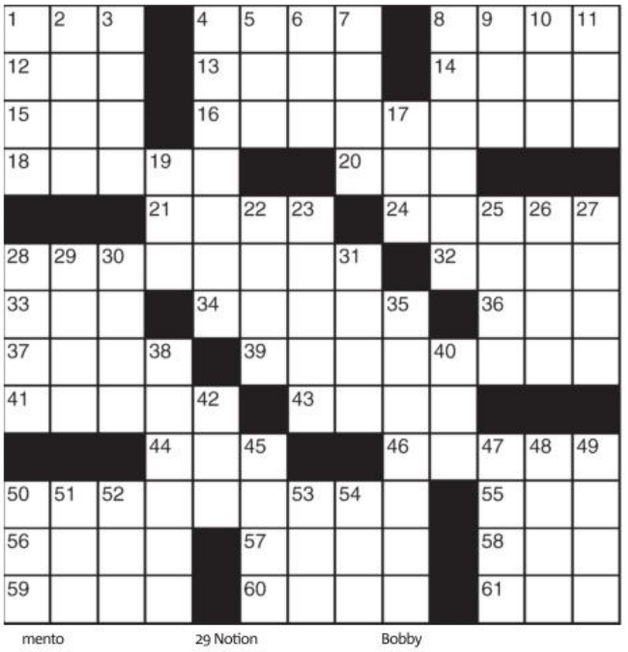

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A look at the weather

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 There's nothing brave about keeping pain to yourself when loved ones are ready to assist.
♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Negative thinking tends to be self-fulfilling. Always stay positive.
♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 A long-term friendship will be strengthened in some way over the next 24 hours.
♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You seem able to twist authority figures around your little finger. Take advantage of it.
♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Let those who want to take away your right to speak for yourself know that you will fight them.
♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Let fear get the better of you, and you'll will miss out on fun.
♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you make a decision on emotion alone, you will most likely regret it by the end of the week.
♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Others say what you are planning is foolish and doomed to fail. Will that stop you? Nope.
♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Changes on the work front may be unsettling, but they will work in your favour.
♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Travel plans are well starred. If you feel the urge to get away for a while, just do it.
♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 A few encouraging words could have a loved one smiling.
♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. A partnership issue will be resolved in your favour very soon. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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